

R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

June 9, 1998

Dr. Frank Wilkinson
307 Charleston Greene
Malvern, PA 19355

Dear Frank:

I am trying to track down two half cents. I would appreciate any help you may give me with respect to their current location or chain of ownership after the printed material.

- 1) A few years ago, I read somewhere about a Liberty Cap half cent struck over a Massachusetts half cent. Do you know where this reference was? Can you verify that it was an accurate description? Do you know where the coin is now?
- 2) Price list #26 of the St. Louis Stamp and Coin Company (Burdette G. Johnson) lists a 1795 half cent overstruck on an Immunis Columbia cent (see attached). Have you ever heard of this coin? Do you know of any subsequent ownership, including the present location of the coin?

I would certainly appreciate any help that you can give me on these questions. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,



R. Tettenhorst

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Attachment

P.S. I don't have your
California address

6-16-98

3838 Jarvis Ave

San Jose CA

95118

408-978-9968

Hi Tett,

I know the whereabouts of neither. I heard something about a 1/2 ¢ struck over a ~~Mast~~ 1/2 probably in PW or Breen. The PW or C-D rem should be the place to check first. A vs. 1/2 ¢ struck over an Immune Columba - whew. That would be something! Of course you would think if that were true, and who am I to dispute W. Eric's memory, the coin would have had a trumpet blarf every time it was offered. I have never heard of such a coin. I suggest you run an ad in PW. It would be great just to see either coin.

One possibility is that #2 could be one of the 3 1785 C6's struck over a half dollar trial piece. Working backwards on these pedigree may help.

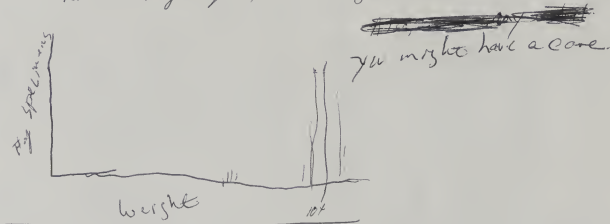
According to my sources, you've bought some nice coins: 1804-C4 "One" at stacks in 12/4/87. The 1800 error at the ANA sale. Did you get the 1808 error from Chris McLaughlin at EAC?

Who bought the VF20 1806-C3 at the ANA sale of 1996? There have been one or two new red 1996 w. pole show up. I heard Whitney bought one. Did you get one?

I am quite busy at work. We are trying to get out a product (a test for prostate cancer). I am the one who worked on it at SB and now head up the group. I am beginning to understand what pressure is.

6-22-98

Your Jan. article in PW was interesting, but I don't think they were trial pieces. Most collectors don't weigh their coins, so it would be hard to prove that underweight half cents are really no big deal. ~~They thought~~ One could weigh many of the well-circulated coins to see if they fell into some sort of distribution and if there were hundreds in the "normal range" of say 97-108 grams and only a handful of light ones.



Prime numbers again. Sure I'd like to see your proof for an infinite number of consecutive non-prime.

How rare are primes among the huge number I think they have determined all the primes up to a really huge number. I know how to ~~rather~~ determine which are non-prime fairly easily which is easier than determining which are prime. I can imagine "the pros" use something like my idea to find all the primes.

If Mark McGuire stays healthy, he should hit a lot of homers this year.

I found an 1808 C3 error at the '94 ANA in Detroit that I think would be going to you. It was double struck, the 1st strike was off center. And the 2nd strike was maintained sideman. The throat of the 1st strike could be seen clearly near the tip of the bust of the second. The reverse has a crescent of blank space where the 1st strike occurred. I was reminded of this coin when Chris McCawley described his coin he sold at EAC which was also an 1808 C3.

God bless

Frank

U. S. Cents—Cont'd

- unc. red, wide date, \$2.50; unc. purple, \$2.00; unc. dark, \$1.50; V. fine, 60c; V. g. 15c.
- 5, compact date, unc. red, \$2.00; unc. some red, \$1.25; fine, 50c.
- 16, large date, V. fine, 35c; V. g. 25c.
- 16, small date, unc. bright red, \$3.00; unc. considerable red, \$2.00; unc. dark olive, \$1.50; abt. unc. olive, 75c; V. fine, 40c; V. g. 15c.
- 847, unc. red, \$1.25; unc. purple, \$1.25; unc. dark olive, \$1.25; abt. unc. olive, \$1.00; Ex. fine, 50c; V. fine, 40c; fine, 25c; V. g. 15c.
- 1848, unc. red, \$1.50; unc. olive, 90c; V. fine, 50c; fine, 15c.
- 849, unc. bright red, \$1.50; unc. olive, 90c; V. fine, 35c.
- 1850, '51, '52, '53, '54, '56, straight or Italic 5, unc. red, each 60c.
- 1855, unc. olive, 60c.
- '850, '51, '52, '53, '54, '55, '56, V. fine, each 15c.
- '57, large date, unc. red, \$1.25; fine, 50c; V. g. 35c.
- '57, small date, V. fine, 60c; V. g. 35c.
- 57, flying eagle, unc. 25c.
- 58, small letters, V. fine, 25c; large letters, unc. 60c.
- 59, '60, '61, '62, '63, '64, copper nickel, unc. each, 20c.
- 1, '62, Br. proof, each, \$1.00.
- 1, copper nickel, Br. proof—\$2.00.
- bronze, '65, '66, unc. each, 25c.
- '67, Br. proof each, 60c.
- '68, '69, fine, each—15c.
- unc. 25c; fine, 15c.
- proof, \$1.00; unc. 75c; fine, 35c.
- nc. 50c; '73, proof, 60c; unc. 40c; fine, 15c.
- proof, 75c; unc. 25c; fine, 15c.
- c. unc. each—25c; '76, fine, 15c.
- of, \$1.25; unc. 90c; V. g. 30c.
- unc. each, 20c.

U. S. Cents—Cont'd

- 1850, to 1908, inc., most dates Br. proof, each, \$2.50; unc. each, 13c.
- 1908, S, unc. 15c.
- 1909, Indian head, Br. proof, 60c; unc., 15c; S, unc. 15c.
- 1909, Lincoln V. D. B., unc., 15c; S, unc. 15c.
- 1909, no V. D. B., unc., 15c; S, unc. 15c.
- 1910, '10 S, '11, '11D, '12D, '13, '13 D, '16, '16 D, '16 S, '17 D, '17 S, '19 D, unc. each, 15c.

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- 1794, date distant from bust, dropped 9, unc. a gem coin, \$30.00.
- 1794, Ex. fine, nearly unc., date close to bust, \$30.00.
- 1794, date close to bust, V. fine, \$15.00.
- 1794, 4 touches bust, fine, strong, \$7.50.
- 1794, date distant from bust, abt. fine, \$5.00; V. g., strong, \$2.25.
- 1794, date distant from bust, V. fine but number of slight edge dents, \$3.00.
- 1794, very wide date, V. g. \$2.25.
- 1794, compact date, V. g. some edge dents, \$2.00.
- 1794, distant date, V. g. strong, slightly bent, \$2.50—V. fair, 75c.
- 1795, unc. olive, plain edge. A beautiful coin without pole, curious die break on rev. from "T" of "States" to "R" of "America." \$25.00.
- 1795, lettered edge, fine strong, \$2.00.
- 1795, overstruck on Illinois Columbia cent, V. g., plain edge, \$3.50.
- 1795, plain edge, V. fair, 90c.
- 1797, 1 above date, unc. some red but not sharp, \$3.00; unc. sharp, \$4.00; V. fair, 75c.

sounds mostly closely like the JRM 1793-C2

sounds like your 1795 C5a By Bareford

sounds like the Dupont coin.

When was the F.P.H.?

U. S. Cents—Cont'd

- unc. red, wide date, \$2.50; unc. purple, \$2.00; unc. dark, \$1.50; V. fine, 50c; V. g. 15c.
- 3, compact date, unc. red, \$2.00; unc. some red, \$1.25; fine, 50c.
- 46, large date, V. fine, 35c; V. g. 25c.
- 46, small date, unc. bright red, \$3.00; unc. considerable red, \$2.00; unc. dark olive, \$1.50; abt. unc. olive, 75c; V. fine, 40c; V. g. 15c.
- 847, unc. red, \$1.25; unc. purple, \$1.25; unc. dark olive, \$1.25; abt. unc. olive, \$1.00; Ex. fine, 50c; V. fine, 40c; fine, 25c; V. g. 15c.
- 1848, unc. red, \$1.50; unc. olive, 90c; V. fine, 50c; fine, 15c.
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- 1850, '51, '52, '53, '54, '55, straight or Italic 5, unc. red, each 50c.
- 1855, unc. olive, 60c.
- 1850, '51, '52, '53, '54, '55, '56, V. fine, each 15c.
- 57, large date, unc. red, \$1.25; fine, 50c; V. g. 35c.
- 57, small date, V. fine, 60c; V. g. 35c.
- 57, flying eagle, unc. 25c.
- 58, small letters, V. fine, 25c; large letters, unc. 60c.
- 59, '60, '61, '62, '63, '64, copper nickel, unc. each, 20c.
- 3, '62, Br. proof, each, \$1.00.
- 1, copper nickel, Br. proof—\$2.00.
- bronze, '65, '66, unc. each, 25c.
- 67, Br. proof, each, 60c.
- 68, '69, fine, each—15c.
- unc. 25c; fine, 15c.
- roof, \$1.00; unc. 75c; fine, 35c.
- nc. 50c; '73, proof, 60c; unc. 40c; fine, 15c.
- roof, 75c; unc. 25c; fine, 15c.
- 7, unc. each—25c; '76, fine, 15c.
- of, \$1.25; unc. 90c; V. g. 30c.
- unc. each, 20c.

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- 1908, S, unc. 15c.
- 1909, Indian head, Br. proof, 60c; unc., 15c; S, unc. 15c.
- 1909, Lincoln V. D. B., unc., 15c; S, unc. 15c.
- 1909, no V. D. B., unc., 15c; S, unc. 15c.
- 1910, '10 S, '11, '11D, '12D, '13, '13 D, '16, '16 D, '16 S, '17 D, '17 S, '19 D, unc. each, 15c.

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- 1794, Ex. fine, nearly unc., date close to bust, \$20.00.
- 1794, date close to bust, V. fine, \$15.00.
- 1794, 4 touches bust, fine, strong, \$7.50.
- 1794, date distant from bust, abt. fine, \$5.00; V. g., strong, \$2.25.
- 1794, date distant from bust, V. fine but number of slight edge dents, \$3.00.
- 1794, very wide date, V. g. \$2.25.
- 1794, compact date, V. g. some edge dents, \$2.00.
- 1794, distant date, V. g. strong, slightly bent, \$2.00; V. fair, 75c.
- 1795, unc. olive, plain edge. A beautiful coin without pole, curious die break on rev. from "T" of "States" to "R" of "America," \$25.00.
- 1795, lettered edge, fine, strong, \$6.00.
- 1795, overstruck on Immunis Columbia cent, V. g., plain edge, \$3.50.
- 1795, plain edge, V. fair, 90c.
- 1797, 1 above date, unc. some red but not sharp, \$8.00; fine, sharp, \$4.00; V. fair, 75c.

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- Look at Breen and Cohen books.

- Write Hanson, Wilkinson, Packard Weber, Coleman, McGuigan

- Answer EPN.

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Have you heard
ever
of this
Erin

St Louis Stamp & Coin
Price list #26

circa 1919

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- 3, compact date, unc. red, \$2.00; unc. some red, \$1.25; fine, 50c.
- 16, large date, V. fine, 35c; V. g. 25c.
- 16, small date, unc. bright red, \$3.00; unc. considerable red, \$3.00; unc. dark olive, \$1.50; abt. unc. olive, 75c; V. fine, 40c; V. g. 15c.
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- 1855, unc. olive, 50c.
- '50, '51, '52, '53, '54, '55, '56, V. fine, each 15c.
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- '57, flying eagle, unc. 25c.
- '58, small letters, V. fine, 25c; large letters, unc. 60c.
- '60, '61, '62, '63, '64, copper nickel, unc. each 20c.
- '62, Br. proof, each, \$1.00.
- 1, copper nickel, Br. proof—\$2.00.
- bronze, '65, '66, unc. each 25c.
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- 'c, \$1.25; unc. 90c; V. g. 30c.
- unc. each, 20c.

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- 1909, Indian head, Br. proof, 60c; unc. 15c; S, unc. 15c.
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- 1794, date close to bust, V. fine, \$15.00.
- 1794, 4 touches bust, fine, strong, \$7.50.
- 1794, date distant from bust, abt. fine, \$5.00; V. g., strong, \$2.25.
- 1794, date distant from bust, V. fine but number of slight edge dents, \$3.00.
- 1794, very wide date, V. g. \$2.25.
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- 1795, overstruck on Immicus Columbia cent, V. g., plain edge, \$3.50.
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Price list #26

cica 1919

JIM McGUIGAN
BOX 133
N. VERSAILLES; PA 15137

June 18, 1998

Dear Ted:

I received your letter concerning half cent overstrikes on colonial coins. Prior to your letter, I was not aware that there were any half cents struck over either a Massachusetts half cent or an Immune Columbia cent.

It is possible that the coins are owned by type or date set collectors who are unaware of the undertype. In the process of being bought and sold, many times information, concerning such things as varieties and pedigrees, is lost.

In August I will be at the ANA in Portland and (possibly) in St. Louis for the club show. Stop by and say hello if you are at either of these shows.

Henry VIII

Best regards,
Jim McGuigan

Aug 13-16

St L. Numismatic
Coin Show

July 28, 1998

Dear Tett,

No, I hadn't seen The Economist article — but the author is right on target about the increased ethnic diversity — one opportunity I had to practice my French, for example, was with an Ob. patient, a 33 year-old emigré from Vietnam...

The last address of record I have for Enoch Blackwell is
75 Maple Shade Ave.
Trenton, New Jersey 08610.

— Barry.

FOX

R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

August 24, 1998

Dr. Harry Salyards
606 N. Minnesota
Hastings, NE 68901-5297

Dear Harry:

In case you didn't see it, the current issue of The Economist has a full page article about Hastings.

As a second item, do you have the address of Enoch Blackwell of New Jersey? Bill Weber told me that he believed Blackwell was a member of EAC.

Sincerely,

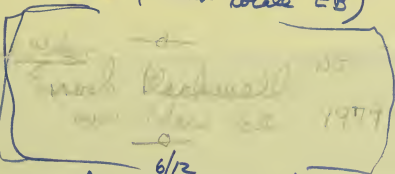


R. Tettenhorst

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Enclosure

FOC
(see if I can locate EB)



6/12
Weber answer to
"do you know" letter
+ telecon

Coleman answer
"don't know anything about
either" e.con 6/14

McGuigan
F. Wilkinson

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R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

September 24, 1998

Mr. Enoch Blackwell
75 Maple Shade Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08610

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I have been a long time member of EAC, collector of half cents, and student of half cent information and material. In particular, I have been interested in the various types of planchets from which half cents were made. For example, I have two half cents struck on planchets cut from copper trial pieces for 1794 and 1795 half dollars.

A number of years ago, I read a comment about a half cent struck on a planchet made from a Massachusetts half cent and have been looking for information about it. My friend, Bill Weber, told me that he believed that you owned this coin or had owned it at one time. I would certainly appreciate having any information you can give me about it. I will keep the information as confidential as you wish.

I am enclosing a copy of an excerpt from fixed price list #26 of the St. Louis Stamp and Coin Company (Burdette G. Johnson) published around 1919. This offers a 1795 half cent overstruck on an Immunis Columbia cent. If you should happen to have any information about this coin, I would also relish it.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Enoch Blackwell
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- 349, unc. bright red, \$1.50; unc. olive, 90c; V. fine, 35c.
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